

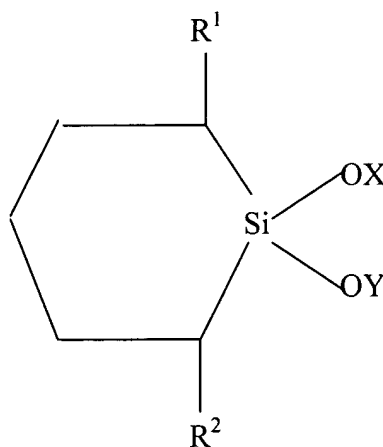
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claim 43 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as shown below:

Claims 1-41 (canceled)

Claim 42 (currently amended): Dialkoxysilacyclohexane of formula

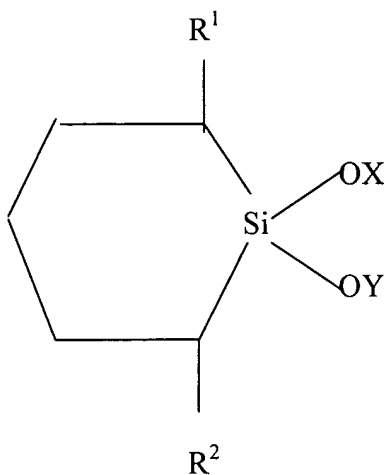


in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are both ethyl radicals, ~~which may be identical or different, represent alkyl radicals containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms~~, and X and Y are both methyl radicals, ~~which may be identical or different, are alkyl radicals containing 1 to 6 carbon atoms~~.

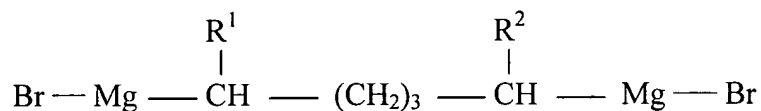
Claim 43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (original): 1,1-Dimethoxy-2,6-diethylsilacyclohexane.

Claim 45 (currently amended): Process for preparing a dialkoxysilacyclohexane ~~according to claim 42, of formula~~

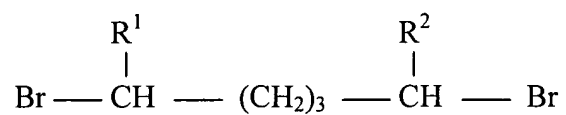


in which  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , which may be identical or different, represent alkyl radicals containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and X and Y, which may be identical or different, are alkyl radicals containing 1 to 6 carbon atoms, the method comprising reacting an alkylenedimagnesium dibromide of formula



with a tetraalkoxysilane of formula  $(\text{OR}^a)(\text{OR}^b)(\text{OR}^c)(\text{OR}^d)\text{Si}$ , in which  $\text{R}^a$ ,  $\text{R}^b$ ,  $\text{R}^c$ , and  $\text{R}^d$  are selected from the same group as X and Y, at least one of the radicals  $\text{R}^a$ ,  $\text{R}^b$ ,  $\text{R}^c$ , and  $\text{R}^d$  being identical to X, and at least one of the radicals  $\text{R}^a$ ,  $\text{R}^b$ ,  $\text{R}^c$ , and  $\text{R}^d$  being identical to Y.

Claim 46 (original): Process according to claim 45, wherein the alkylenedimagnesium dibromide is prepared by a process comprising reacting a dibromoalkane of formula:



with magnesium.